



Sons In Retirement

SAN JUAN BRANCH NO. 102

April 2011

LUNCHEON MEETINGS

2nd Tuesday of the month
 Executive Board meeting 10:00 A.M.
 Social Hour: 10:45 — Luncheon: 11:45
 Carmichael Elks Lodge

Next Meeting

Tuesday
April 12th

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING

Please let us know at e-mail
Sir102luncheonrsvp@gmail.com
 or leave a message at 393-1142



BIG SIR STUFF:

Jim Johnson

Now that we are beginning to get some sunny days, you "fair weather" golfers will have an opportunity to release your pent up energy and attack the fairways. Have a great time.

Those that attended the March luncheon got to share in honoring Rock Sorgman as he received his Senior Honorary Life Member award from SIR President Bob Mannell. You also can tell your grandkids that you observed a truly astonishing moment as Joe Virga was speechless when he received his Honorary Life Member award. It is recorded in the branch minutes that at 11:47AM on March 8, 2011, Joe could not think of anything to say and was silent. Truly amazing. Congratulations and thanks to both Rocky and Joe.

You are encouraged to give it considerable thought should you be approached to serve as a director or officer of this branch in 2012. None of the jobs require a great time commitment and serving will increase your enjoyment and understanding of what it takes to keep this branch running successfully. Mickey Wagner and Don Dresbach are this year's chairmen, so if you think you would like to help, see them.

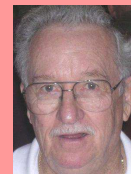
We are still trying to resolve the seating issue at the luncheons since the Elks have removed a couple of the tables. I have asked Bob Lamora to talk to the Elks and maybe with everyone working together we can resolve this issue. If you see guys looking for a seat, try to help them find one. Don't reserve seats for people who are not going to be there (you may have to resort to a notification system for your group). Last month we had 131 people in the audience area and only 144 seats but the Elks have agreed to give us additional seats for this month.

On the subject of the luncheons, I wanted to note that you **cannot** bring food in nor take food out of the Elks Club. It is specifically prohibited by our contract. Now, let's go have some fun !!!!!

Jim Johnson

April Luncheon Menu

Green Salad, Sliced Beets with Onions ,
 Three Bean Salad, Chef's Choice Vegetables,
 Swiss Steak, Desert, Coffee



LITTLE SIR:

Well our March speaker Detective Olson, warned us of the mail fraud out there so you folks that attended the lunch should not be victims and those that didn't attend "watch out". Our next speaker was suggested to me by Floyd Barnett and should be very interesting. His name is Marty McDonald and he will speak to the economic climate we are experiencing now. He will touch on how our retirement may be impacted in the future. I'm pretty well booked up on speakers now thanks to some of you but I can always use more so if you know of an interesting person give me a call and we'll put them on the list... See you at the luncheon...

Dick Larsen



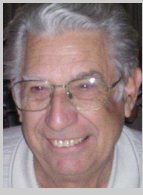
ATTENDANCE: Tom Wight (393-1142) & Gus Kvick (967-7634)

We would like to officially welcome past Big Sir Bob Lamora to the Attendance Committee. He has generously offered his assistance, and its undisputed that we need all the help we can get.

Uh-oh, it looks like its getting to be lonely badge time again. We have 17 badges still in winter hibernation, and out of those 17 four have been in hibernation even longer than that. We know many members have mitigating and extenuating circumstances for not attending the luncheon meetings, but our attendance rules do state that members are obligated to attend at least six meetings within the last twelve consecutive months.

At our March 8 meeting we had a good turnout of 131 members and four guests. Out of the 62 no shows, 39 were excused and 23 were absent incognito. (I'm not sure if that's the proper use of the word "incognito," because we do know who you are.) Anyway, we do hope to see you at our April 12 luncheon meeting.

Your Attendance Guys: Gus Kvick, Bob Lamora, Tom Wight



HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED: SIR is run by volunteers... of which fortunately there are many. Ten years ago it was felt a special award was appropriate among the many who consistently volunteer. This brought about the Honorary Life Membership (HLM) award to recognize exceptional and extraordinary service to SIR. Each Branch is allowed 2% of their membership (by hundreds) for this honor. The award is not to be conferred on the basis of good fellowship, but instead those receiving it need to be recommended by their Branch Executive Committee, the Area Governor, the Regional Director and finally the State President. At the March 2011 meeting Sir Joe Virga received his HLM award by SIR State President Bob Monnel.

Joe was Sacramento-born without the benefit of a doctor in attendance, but instead had a mid-wife. This wasn't too unusual for the 1926 year. He was the "middle brother" of three in a family headed by a Sicilian-born father and a Italian- born mother. Like many he had his own paper route, and as a teen made money by "plucking chickens" for slaughter.

As WWII was winding down, his draft number came up and he was called for induction. The Sergeant in charge said "Kid you're too damn skinny. Before we'll take you into the Army, you'll need to sign a paper relieving the government of future health responsibility." Hey.... if the government didn't necessarily want him, Joe wasn't that thrilled with them either, so he didn't sign and it was mutually agreed between him and the United States of America government that he would be deferred.

In 1948 Joe met his future wife Laurenda in Santa Cruz and afterwards began working for Capital Cigar and Liquor where he later become foreman. In 1985 he suffered a massive heart attack which put him into a life-or-death coma. The doctor called the family and told them to prepare for the worst. Finally, on the 7th day of the coma, Joe awoke to find an anxious younger brother at his bedside.

Although only 55 years of age, the coma scare made it a relatively easy decision for the Joseph Virgas to retire. His doctor told him to get a hobby and one year later Joe joined SIR and began his fabled golfing career with us. Since 1987 he has held an office every year including Director, Travel Manager, Tournament Director, Little Sir and Big Sir. I think you'll agree that this SIR Honorary Life Membership (HLM) award is well deserved for this volunteer among volunteers.



MEMBERSHIP; Dick Coleman (967-1578)

Hi guys. Our membership drive is going well. We had several guests at our recent luncheons. Let's keep it up!! Remember, your guests gets a free lunch !! We have trifold brochures and business cards to help you in recruiting new members. Ask me for some at the meeting.

Our fishing trips have delayed until April, due to the bad weather, we are having in March. I will sendout the new schedule to the "Gone Fishing" members soon. Those guys wishing to join us, let me know so I can get you on the mailing list.

The book swaps are going great!! Bring you unwanted book to our meeting. Remember, there will be no book swap at the May meeting. It will be held at our Annual picnic.

See you guys at the meeting **Dick**



SUNSHINE REPORT: Bob Baker (961-4939)

On February 27th, our SIR Webmaster Gary Lindenschmitt lost Francene, his wife of 53 years. She had bone cancer and Gary has had a full time job taking care of her for some time. Its tough to see someone in pain like he did, but it was good to see Gary at March's SIR meeting.

Duane Labar gave several a scare at Bill Lipphardt's funeral. He has some pill regulating that needed being done and he had to leave Bill's funeral early with the emergency medical technicians being called. As soon as they got him "adjusted" however, he felt fine and didn't have to go to the hospital.

Bob Lee was able to come to the March meeting for the first time in several months. He has had a leg problem and the intense pain in finally under control.

Remembrances:



We were sorry to lose Sir Bill Lipphardt February 23rd of an aneurysm. He was only 66 years old and joined SIR in 2009. Bill had worked in many local car dealerships and also enjoyed flying planes as a hobby.

Our SIR Regional Director Neil Mayo passed away March 16th. He had entered the hospital for what was thought a bleeding ulcer complaint. While there he had a sudden heart attack.

Neil became our Area Governor in 2009 and when George Christman had to leave because of medical problems, assumed the Regional Director position. Our concerns and prayers are with his wife Joan and family.

Bob



BOWLING: Foster Maxwell (969-5115).

Our SIR's 49er league bowling season is in full swing. We bowl at Fireside Lanes on Auburn Blvd. at noon.

The following SIR's 102 members have done some great bowling this past month:

- Dick Coleman (188 avg) 214 game
- Don Dresbach (167 avg) 210, 224 games
- Jim Graves (177 avg) 208 game
- Jim Johnson ((166 avg) 202 game

Congratulations bowlers., keep it up.

If you are interested in bowling or have any questions just give me a Call.

Foster



<u>Will be</u>	<u>Will be</u>
89 Hal Hession	71 Pat Crocker
83 Fred Pagel	69 Garry Darrow
79 Jerry Ives	68 Dick Weitzenberg
79 Tod Santos	65 Bill Maffel
75 Ben Chantry	65 Bob Vial
75 John Davidson	64 Dan Johnson
74 Wayne Berger	62 Bergie Berggren
73 Ray Teitzel	60 Steve Allen

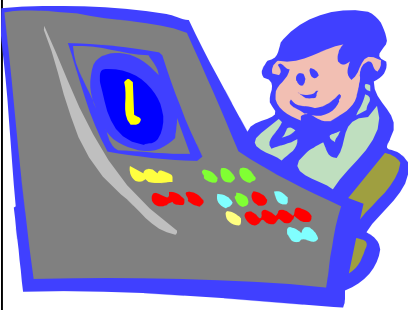
SIR # 102 MAY PICNIC:



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS. Our annual picnic will be held on Tuesday, May 17th, at the Carmichael Park. You have your choice of Chef John Swart's BBQ steak or chicken and of course we'll have all the other fine picnic trimmings (potato salad, beans, bread) and bar (Our famous bloody Mary's, beer, wine, soft drinks). **What a Bargain, you get all this for \$10.00 per person.** Buy your tickets and give your meal choice at the April meeting, if possible so we know how many are coming. There is a good deal of preparatory planning which needs to be done.

The "Great SIR Book Exchange" will again be trading books, so bring all you've read and get new ones you haven't (the first "book exchange" was started in 2005 by then Big Sir Don Wagner and its been very successful).

Your Board of Directors



HEY COMPUTER GUY

Do Let People Know Their Mail Has Been Received

If it is not obvious to the sender that you have gotten their message do send a quick note back, possibly involving an informal thank-you, to acknowledge receipt even if no reply is necessary otherwise. Even if you do plan to reply

later, an email acknowledging receipt and letting the sender know when you will get back to them can be welcome.

Hints From Heloise in the Bee

I always fill out the message part of an e-mail message first, before adding in the address. This way, I know that if I accidentally push the "send" button, nothing gets sent.

Avoid Embarrassing Emails

Should you write "bye", "regards" or "best wishes?" When you can't decide what to write and have no idea what's appropriate, end your message with a simple "thanks" that is never out of place.

Advice From a Buddy on All His E-mails

THANK YOU for deleting my e-mail address or any other e-mail addresses from this message if you plan to forward it. And PLEASE use Bcc: for any "bulk" e-mailings, instead of To: or Cc:. If you help keep our addresses private, we might be able to cut down on spam and computer identity theft.

Thanks to SIR Frank Franzago from Branch 69 for sharing this article.

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web site: sirs102golf.org



GOLF CHAIRMAN: DON WAGNER (967-1124) email: dwagner@pacbell.net

Let's Keep a Good Thing Going

On March 23rd (after this article was due) Marty, along with several members from our golf club and also members from other SIR golf clubs will be meeting with representatives from the NCGA to review the different programs they have for scheduling, posting scores and handicapping. After evaluating the NCGA programs, we can determine what process could be used by the next Tournament Director in 2012. In the meantime, as I stated before, Marty will continue to maintain his system which manages our current golf program. However, we still need golf club members to accept an officer position for 2012. By taking on one of the positions early, there will be plenty of time to get familiar with the recommended process and change them to better fit your style. At our golf meeting in April, we will bring you up to date and answer any questions from the members. The officer positions for 2012 are not intended to be permanent. We need members (that's you) to step up and fill one of these positions. Will you help? Please stick around after the regular meeting. It's your club and you need to help us figure out what needs to be done to keep us alive and well in 2012. **YOU NEED TO COME TO YOUR GOLF CLUB MEETINGS.**

The only time my prayers are never answered is playing golf. -- Billy Graham

Don



Assistant Tournament Director; Don Whalen, (962-0820)
email: ltcoldon@att.net

GREENHORN CREEK. Last time to sign up for Greenhorn Creek Overnighter. We only have 14 people, need at least 6 more.

CARSON CITY GOLF AND FUN TRIP. We start sign ups this month. Details will be available at the meeting. Looks like it will cost \$335 for a golfer sharing a room with another golfer; \$365 for a golfer single room; \$185 for a non-golfer in a double room; and \$220 for non-golfer single room. ALL prize money is included in this price.

NEW ITEM: If you don't have one, **BUY A RAIN SUIT!**

OFFICERS 2010

BIG SIR, Jim Johnson961-8092
 LITTLE SIR, Dick Larsen961-0701
 SECRETARY, Jim Reese.....451-4995
 ASST. SEC., John Luddington.....961-4918
 TREASURER, George Miller408-2247
 ASST. TREAS., Rob Axell.....965-3366

DIRECTORS

Joe Virga (2011)
 Don Dresbach (2011)
 Mickey Wagner (2012)
 Max Kinsey (2012)
 Bob Lamora (2013)
 Tom Hanson (2013)

State President: Robert Mannell
 Region 3 Director: Vacant
 Area 9 Governor: No Name

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

AUDITOR: Don Lewis
 ATTENDANCE : Tom Wight & Gus Kwick
 MEMBERSHIP: Dick Coleman & Marty Owen
 HARDWARE: Dick Louie
 SUNSHINE: Bob Baker
 BOWLING/RV: Foster Maxwell
 TRAVEL: Vacant
 EDITOR: Mickey Wagner
 CHAPLAIN: Warren Coffeen
 GOLF: Don Wagner
 Web Page: Lindy Lindenschmitt

Past BIG SIR

Gordon Nielson	1983	Don gayner	1997
Pete Tapella	1984	Don Wiles	1998
Roy Bostic	1985	Tom Eyman	1999
Don Johnson	1986	Bob Simowski	2000
Paul Siglin	1987	Stan Spalding	2001
Wesley Fisk Jr.	1988	Chuck Shoemaker	2002
Ray Nyman	1989	Lloyd Browning	2003
Don Gaylord	1990	Bob Baker	2004
Les Jones	1991	Don Wagner	2005
Don Gaylord	1992	Frank Mason	2006
Rock Sorgman	1993	Speedy Sheetz	2007
Bill Spencer	1994	Joe Virga	2008
Tom Warburton	1995	Mickey Wagner	2009
Don Neudeck	1996	Bob Lamora	2010

ATTENDANCE RULES

Rule 60: Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meeting unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch's locale.

RULE 100: Any member missing three (3) consecutive meeting without notifying his Branch Attendance Committee Chairman giving a valid absence reason or who attends less than six (6) regular meetings within the last twelve (12) consecutive months, may be notified of pending SIR membership termination.

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Thanks Mickey